

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 2 of the substitute specification filed with the January 15, 2002 Preliminary Amendment, please insert the following immediately after the title:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/157,993, filed September 22, 1998, and now U.S. Patent No. 6,113,098, issued September 5, 2000.-

At page 2 of the substitute specification filed with the January 15, 2002 Preliminary Amendment, please delete the heading "RELATED APPLICATION DATA" and paragraph 0002 immediately thereafter.

Delete each of the paragraphs set forth between page 3, line 2 and page 4, line 24.

At page 3, line 2 immediately following the heading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION," add the following paragraphs:

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-- In one aspect, the invention is directed to a gaming device that may include a currency receiver being adapted to receive at least one medium of currency and a display device being adapted to display indicia corresponding to an outcome of a wagering game. The outcome of an occurrence of the wagering game may be at least partially randomly determined, and a player of the gaming device may be provided with a gaming award based on the occurrence of a predetermined outcome during the occurrence of the wagering game after depositing at least a minimum amount of the at least one medium of currency in the currency receiver. The gaming device may further include a first output device being adapted to dispense a ticket after the occurrence of a triggering event, wherein the triggering event may not be the occurrence of a predetermined outcome of the wagering game wherein the player is provided with a gaming award, and the triggering event may not be every occurrence of the wagering game.

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In another aspect, the invention is directed to a method of conducting a wagering game of chance that may include the steps of providing a player with an opportunity to place a wager, providing a gaming unit for playing a wagering game, wherein the outcome of an occurrence of the wagering game may be at least partially randomly determined, and providing the player of the gaming device with a gaming award based on the occurrence of a predetermined outcome during the occurrence of the wagering game. The method may further include dispensing a ticket to the player after the occurrence of a triggering event, wherein the triggering event may not be the occurrence of a predetermined outcome of the wagering game wherein the player is provided with a gaming award, and wherein the triggering event may not be every occurrence of the wagering game.

In a further aspect, the invention is directed to a method of conducting a wagering game on an electronic gaming device that may include the steps of providing a player with an opportunity to place a wager and to play the wagering game at the wagering device, wherein the outcome of each occurrence of the wagering game may be at least partially randomly determined, accumulating comp points for the player as the player plays the wagering game, displaying a visible indication of the player's accumulated comp points at the gaming device, and providing the player with the opportunity to redeem at least a portion of the accumulated comp points at the gaming device via an input device.

Additional aspects of the invention are defined by the claims of this patent.--